GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
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COAL INDIA LIMITED
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Limited (CIL) has augmented its supply position keepingin view less import of coal by bulk coal users due to unstabilisation in exchange rates;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether CIL is in position to provide lower ash content coal to thermal power stations;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the demand for such coal at present?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL & MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) &(b): The supply of coal to different sectors by Coal India Limited (CIL)is as per its annual offtake plan which is finalized after discussion with the concerned consumers/Departments. Coal offtake plan of CIL for 2002- 03 has been fixed at 286.4 million tonnes as against actual of 282.2 million tonnes in 2001-02. CIL has augmented its offtake plan by 4.2 million tonnes over the previous year.

(c) to(e): CIL is in a position to supply low ash coal to the existing thermal power plants which require such coal. CIL is supplying more than 70 million tonnes per year of low ash coal of A, B, C and D grades to the power sector, which is about 37% of the total despatch to the power sector.